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In Senate Chamber  
Thursday  
May 4, 2017

Senate called to order by President Michael D. Thibodeau of  
Waldo County.

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Prayer by Pastor Timothy Brooks, South Portland Church of  
Nazarene.

**PASTOR BROOKS:** Let us pray. Lord, today as many people  
from the State of Maine represented by those in this room head to  
work and to school I pray, Lord, that You would be with them, that  
Your face would shine upon them, that their day would bring them  
joy and their work would bring the world productivity. For those  
gathered in this place today, Lord, I pray that You would give  
them a sense of justice and fairness and joy on their behalf. Help  
our minds and our hearts to be illumined with Your peace and  
Your goodness, that the work done in this place would be on  
behalf of people who often feel voiceless and yet are represented  
here. Lord, may the work of this place be for the common good of  
all those people and may it bring justice, joy, peace, and hope to  
all of those who make up this great State. In Your wonderful  
name we pray. Amen.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Catherine E. Breen of  
Cumberland County.

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Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

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Doctor of the day, Rob Struba, M.D. of Belfast.

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Off Record Remarks

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Welcome Back Day Ceremony

**THE PRESIDENT:** Ladies and gentlemen, today is a very, very  
special day. It's always fun to have former members return and a  
lot of old friends and a chance to catch up and it's a great  
reminder for current serving members that there is more to this  
building than simply the policies that we discuss, that friendships  
do matter. I had a chance to visit with some of the former Senate  
Presidents in my office. Guess what we didn't discuss? We  
didn't discuss a single policy issue. Not one. There wasn't any  
debate about bills that were passed or bills that failed. The only

thing that was discussed was the friendships that still exist to this  
day. It is a stark reminder, a great reminder, for us, as members  
of the current 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature, that, indeed, after we finish the  
people's business the one thing that will endure is the friendships  
that we have made. So we want to give each and every one of  
our guests here today that have served in the capacity of  
President of the Senate a brief opportunity to address the  
Chamber, and I believe that the first individual that's going to do  
that on behalf of President Alfond, I think that Senator Jackson  
has a letter. So Senator Jackson, if you could.

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you, President Thibodeau. Certainly  
appreciate the opportunity. Senator Alfond couldn't be here  
today, sends his regards and certainly, you know, wishes that he  
could. He asked me to make these remarks on his behalf and I  
was honored to do that for him.

Members of the 128<sup>th</sup> Maine Senate and guests, I'd like to  
thank President Thibodeau for the opportunity to share a few  
thoughts with you. I loved my eight years as a member of the  
Maine State Senate. It was an honor and privilege to serve with  
you and learn about your lives. Some of my fondest memories  
are the stories each of you shared and learning about your  
passions. To paraphrase Bill Belichick, we all have a job to do.  
No matter what the issue, Maine voters expect vigorous debate to  
the challenges we face and for us to come together and improve  
people's lives through good policy. Through all the public  
hearings, work sessions, floor debates, and press releases, never  
lose sight of the trust the voters of Maine placed in each and  
every one of you. Take it from someone on the outside looking  
in, give this work your everything and it will give back. I wish you  
all the best of luck as you close out your budget in the first  
session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature. I'm definitely rooting for  
all of you. Sincerely, Justin Alfond.

**THE PRESIDENT:** Thank you, Senator. I want to assure  
members that there's a lot of pressure here today when you have  
this much experience sitting behind you. The first time I hit the  
hammer and it didn't come down flat it's like these guys are all  
snickering. Alright.

At this time I'd like to recognize the Honorable Gerald P.  
Conley. He was the President of the 111<sup>th</sup> Legislature. He  
served during the 104<sup>th</sup> through the 111<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. During the  
107<sup>th</sup> to the 110<sup>th</sup> Legislatures he served as the Minority Leader  
and during the 105<sup>th</sup> Legislature as Assistant Minority Leader. He  
also served in the House during the 102<sup>nd</sup> and the 103<sup>rd</sup>  
Legislatures. I want to ask President Conley to please come and  
share a few words.

**GERALD CONLEY:** Thank you very, very much for the very  
warm reception here. I wish my Gal Friday was up here with me,  
Senator Mary Najarian, because she really is steering me around  
the State House, which I have completely forgotten how it exists.  
I've never forgotten how this place existed and I don't think  
anybody that served with me will forget the President at that time.  
Anyway, I'm very, very happy to be here. I'm very pleased that  
there's such a great turn out and I just want to wish you all a very,  
very happy Welcome Back Day. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** President Conley's just advised me that he's  
going to come back again. He didn't realize he was going to get a  
gift, so we can expect to see him two years from now. At this  
time I'd like to recognize the Honorable Charles P. Pray. He was

the President of the Senate from the 112<sup>th</sup> to the 115<sup>th</sup> Legislature. He served from the 107<sup>th</sup> through the 115<sup>th</sup> in the Legislature, totaling 18 years of Legislative service. He also served as the Majority Leader of the 111<sup>th</sup> Legislature and Assistant Majority Leader in the 109<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. I want to invite President Pray to come say a few words.

**CHARLES PRAY:** I'm left handed. I will say that I had the privilege of breaking more mallets than John Martin did while I was Presiding Officer. That's because of people like the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond. Wait a minute, they're still here. I thought you passed term limits. Thank you very much. First of all, I want to apologize. I started this little episode of having former Presiding Officers come up, for those who are old enough to remember, and I notice all you young kids that are serving here today probably don't remember this, but Governor Burton Cross used to come in every Welcome Back Day and basically spend 20 minutes in the House and 20 minutes in the Senate criticizing Legislators and after he got done speaking Ken MacLeod, former three term Presiding Officer, walked in the back door. He was a lobbyist at the time. I quickly invited him up to say a few words to the Senate. Since that, I guess you've carried on that tradition. But in those days there was only one or two former Presiding Officers who would come back. Another result of term limits, you get all these individuals come up and share a few words with you. I'd like to share, and I was afraid Senator Conley going before me would give these remarks because he used to tell us all the time; we're all here because we're not all there. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** I think President Pray may be on to something with that last remark. Next I would like to recognize the Honorable Mark W. Lawrence. He was Senate President in the 118<sup>th</sup> and 119<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. He served in the Senate from the 116<sup>th</sup> through the 119<sup>th</sup>. He was the Minority Leader during the 117<sup>th</sup>. He served in the House during the 114<sup>th</sup> and 115<sup>th</sup> and as a member of this Body during the, well that's wrong. He served in the other Body during the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature. We're awful glad that he is back and, President Lawrence, if you would come and say a few words.

**MARK LAWRENCE:** One of my fond memories of serving in the Legislature was 30 years ago when I was a member of the House. We were here at 3 o'clock in the morning and Charlie was pretending there was a quorum here. There were five members of the Senate present. I was sitting up back and Charlie appointed me, as a member of the House, as an honorary page in the Senate and forced me to come up and sit beside him while he delivered notes to each of the Senators. The President asked me to say a few words. I really didn't want to, but I'm trying to think of something of wisdom to say. Once upon a time I used to think I was a genius. I used to think I had all the answers, that my philosophy, my personal view of how things should be done, was the right way to do it. Over the years, I learned that the genius of our system, the genius of democracy in America, the genius of democracy in Maine, is the fact that we are not all geniuses, but collectively we do have a genius. It's when we come together, collectively and collaboratively, to find compromise, to find solutions, that those solutions represent the genius of the people of Maine and the people of this country. That's my wish for this Legislature and my wish for the Senate,

and the House as well. Enjoy your Welcome Back Day. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** Next I'd like to recognize the Honorable Richard A. Bennett. He was President of the Senate during the 120<sup>th</sup> Legislature. He served from the 118<sup>th</sup> to the 121<sup>st</sup>. During the 119<sup>th</sup> he served as Assistant Minority Leader. He also served in the House during the 115<sup>th</sup> and 116<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. President Bennett, please come and say a few words.

**RICHARD BENNETT:** Thank you. Back in the day when I was President of the Senate, you guys think you're divided now, we had 17 Republicans and 17 Democrats and 1 Independent. You know, I used to say then that we weren't deeply divided as a country, we were closely divided. I think things have gotten a little more deeply divided these days, but we found a way to make it work back then and, you know, I just take the long view, as my words of wisdom if I have any. Just find a way to find those common grounds and work together. People in Maine are counting on us. I wish you all the best and I really appreciate the warm welcome back. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** Next I'd like to recognize Kevin L. Raye. He was the President of the Senate during the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature. He served in the 122<sup>nd</sup> through the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature. He also served as the Minority Leader during the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature and I want to say that he served as a mentor for me in many, many ways. Showed me the right way to run the State Senate and did a tremendous job. President Raye.

**KEVIN RAYE:** Thank you. I have to say it seems odd to stand up here and see the gavel on the wrong side of the podium. Since I don't have to worry about it, I guess I won't. I just, briefly, want to say it's great to be here, to be part of this distinguished group of former Presidents who I have admired over the years and to have the opportunity to be with you again, so many of my friends in this room. Just my message from my little hamlet down in Downeast, Washington County, Maine, is that I want you to know that I am extraordinarily proud of this Body. The way in which you conduct yourselves, the way in which President Thibodeau is leading this Body, and putting the people of Maine first, and putting the right thing to do first, before party label, is really an example, I think, to the rest of the nation. I know that you all play a role in that through your own work in the Senate and working together, and being constructive, and being open minded, and understanding that no one side of the aisle has a monopoly on good ideas. If we can respectfully engage and work through our differences we're going to come out with a better product. That's what you're doing for the people of Maine and I thank you very much. It's great to be here. God bless you all.

**THE PRESIDENT:** Now it's no surprise to the current serving members, but just in case you're wondering, I've managed to mess this up. I was supposed to recognize the Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell. Unfortunately, I messed that up. I assure you that wasn't a partisan move on my behalf, but it is a real privilege and honor to have Libby Mitchell here with us today. She was the Senate President in the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature, and I remember that very well. She started her service in the 107<sup>th</sup> Legislature and served a total of 12 terms. She was the Assistant Minority Leader in the House in the 109<sup>th</sup> and the 117<sup>th</sup> and was the Minority Leader in the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. She

served as Speaker of the House during the 118<sup>th</sup> Legislature and she was also the Minority Leader of the Senate in the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature. I'd invite her to the podium to say a few words.

**ELIZABETH MITCHELL:** Thank you. I'd like to thank the President for his leadership. He has been an outstanding leader, and I don't think he messed up anything. He must know that I like the last word. Besides, I taught President Raye all that he knows. I remember him sitting in the back row where Senator Jackson is sitting. We really did have good service together. This has not been an easy year for me, I must admit, but it is so wonderful to be back with all of you. Like President Raye, as I look out and I see people I served with in the House and the Senate, don't ever forget - this is one of the nicest families you will ever belong to and at the end of the day when you go home you're going to take all the reasons you came here, and you're all remembering that each day, but your friendships, you will never lose them. So it is great to see you and my current Senator. I have a quick Augusta Senate story, if I may tell. I was in the House earlier, because I didn't know which Body I belonged to, and I must admit when I was first a House member way back in 1974 I was terrified of Senators. When they told me to go talk to the Senate Chairman of a committee I asked someone to go with me. You were equally bad as I thought you were. At any rate, when I was President of the Senate, Hannah Pingree was my counterpart in the House. Our goal was to make the House and the Senate run as one smooth operating Body. I think we did that because we cared about each Body and we kept talking and talking and talking to both Minority Leaders. By the way, I was never in the Minority, Mr. President. You know, I'm sure you learn a lot from being in the Minority. Seriously, you do learn to respect each other more than ever. So I do appreciate that. My quick Augusta story, I don't know if I look like Senator Beverly Bustin, and some of you know Beverly Bustin. She served in the Senate. There she is. Everywhere I go, and our motto was we all look alike to you. They would say, "Oh, hi, Beverly." Even this morning when I was signing in, "Are you Beverly Bustin?" "No, I'm not Beverly Bustin." My favorite story was I had a young child clinging to my leg who was sick to death of my talking to every constituent in Augusta, and I was coming out of the grocery store with melting ice cream and all of those things, and this constituent runs up and says: "Senator Bustin, Senator Bustin, I just have to talk to you about that tax bill." I thought for a moment, because my daughter was about to pull my pants off, and I said: "Could you call me at home?" At any rate, that's the joy and the beauty of serving. Again, I do want to congratulate the President. I'm on the outside now, but never are you far from here, and watching what you're doing is very impressive and I concur that you are putting the people's interest at the top of your agenda, and you're making a good impression for those of us who read the newspapers. Thank you very much.

**THE PRESIDENT:** Now we're going to move into the portion of the recognition of some of the folks that really make the Senate Presidents look like they know what they're doing. I think if you ask each and every one of the former Senate Presidents how they accomplished their job they'd quickly point to both the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary that helped them. We have some of them today. First individual that I'd like to recognize is the Honorable Joseph Carleton. He served as Secretary during the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature. He also served in the House during the 115<sup>th</sup> and 118<sup>th</sup> Legislatures and as Assistant

Minority Leader during the 117<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Would Secretary Carleton please stand and accept the greetings of the State Senate.

I should have kept the Senate Presidents up here and they could have presented the gifts, but didn't think of that.

Next I'd like to recognize the Honorable Darek Grant. He served as Secretary during the 126<sup>th</sup> Senate and he is currently a staff member here in the Legislature. I would like to thank Secretary Grant for his service. That staff position is Chief of Staff, is that correct, Mr. Secretary.

The next individual that I'd like to recognize is the Honorable Bonnie Gould. She served as Assistant Secretary during the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature. She also served in the House with me during my first term in the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature. I'd like to thank Assistant Secretary Gould for her service.

I'd like to recognize next the Honorable Shawn Roderick. He served as Assistant Secretary during the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature and he also served as the Assistant Clerk of the House during the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature. I want to thank Shawn for his service.

The Secretary's asking me to check and see if former Secretary Pam Cahill is in the Chamber. Not seeing her. Secretary Cahill is often in the halls and does some work here, but not with us today.

Now we're going to recognize many of the former members that are here with us today. I'll apologize if I mispronounce your name because I'm pretty famous for that at this point, but we're going to do this anyways.

First individual is the Honorable Beverly Bustin-Hatheway. She served in the Senate from the 110<sup>th</sup> through the 117<sup>th</sup> and served as the Assistant Majority Leader during the 116<sup>th</sup> and she served as the Assistant Minority Leader during the 117<sup>th</sup>. Would Beverly please stand and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Next is the Honorable Charles E. Summers, better known as Charlie Summers. He served in the Senate during the 115<sup>th</sup> and 116<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. Would Charlie please stand and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Next I want to recognize the Honorable Mary Najarian. She served in the Senate during the 109<sup>th</sup>, 110<sup>th</sup>, 111<sup>th</sup>, and 112<sup>th</sup> and in the House during the 106<sup>th</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup>, and 108<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. Would Mary please stand and accept the greetings of the Senate.

The Honorable Linda Baker served in the Senate during the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Would Linda please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

I'd like to recognize David Burns who served in the Senate during the 126<sup>th</sup> and 127<sup>th</sup> Legislatures and served in the House during the 124<sup>th</sup> through the 125<sup>th</sup>. David, would you rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

The Honorable Vincent Cassidy served in the Senate during the 117<sup>th</sup> through the 119<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. Would Vincent please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

The Honorable Jon Courtney served between the 122<sup>nd</sup> and the 125<sup>th</sup> and during the 124<sup>th</sup> he was the Assistant Minority Leader and during the 125<sup>th</sup> he was the Majority Leader. He also served in the other Body during the 121<sup>st</sup> Legislature. Would Jon please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

The Honorable Gerry Davis served in the Senate during the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature. He also served in the House from the 119<sup>th</sup> through the 122<sup>nd</sup>. Would Gerry please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

The Honorable Stan Gerzofsky served in the Senate from the 124<sup>th</sup> through the 127<sup>th</sup> and served in the House from the 120<sup>th</sup>

through the 123<sup>rd</sup>. Would Stan rise and accept the greetings of Senate.

The Honorable Anne Haskell served in the Senate from the 126<sup>th</sup> through the 127<sup>th</sup>. She served in the House from the 114<sup>th</sup> through the 116<sup>th</sup> and the 123<sup>rd</sup> through 125<sup>th</sup>. Would Anne please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Next individual actually was Chair of the first committee that I ever served on and taught me an awful lot, the Honorable Barry J. Hobbins. He served in the Senate during the 114<sup>th</sup> and then from the 122<sup>nd</sup> through the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. He was the Senate Minority Leader during the 125<sup>th</sup>. He also served in the other Body from the 106<sup>th</sup> through the 117<sup>th</sup> and the 126<sup>th</sup> and 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Barry.

The Honorable Chris Johnson served in the Senate from the 125<sup>th</sup> through the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. Would Chris rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

The Honorable Dale McCormick served in the Senate from the 115<sup>th</sup> through the 117<sup>th</sup>. Would Dale please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

The Honorable Carroll Minkowsky served in the Senate from the 104<sup>th</sup> through the 106<sup>th</sup> and the 108<sup>th</sup> through the 111<sup>th</sup> Legislatures. He also served one term in the House during the 103<sup>rd</sup>. Would Carroll please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Next is the Honorable Richard Nass. He served in the Senate from the 121<sup>st</sup> through the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislatures and served in the House from the 117<sup>th</sup> through the 120<sup>th</sup>. Would Richard please rise and accept the greetings of Senate.

The Honorable John Patrick has served in the Senate from the 125<sup>th</sup> through the 127<sup>th</sup> and served in the House from the 120<sup>th</sup> through the 123<sup>rd</sup>. Would John please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

The Honorable Chris Rector served in the Senate from the 124<sup>th</sup> and the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislatures and he served in the House during the 121<sup>st</sup> through the 123<sup>rd</sup>. Chris, welcome.

The Honorable Mary Small served in the Senate from the 117<sup>th</sup> through the 120<sup>th</sup> Legislature. She served as the Minority Leader in 2001 and the Majority Leader in 2002, something close to that. She also served in the House from the 109<sup>th</sup> through 116<sup>th</sup>. Mary, welcome.

The Honorable Sharon Treat served in the Senate from the 118<sup>th</sup> through the 121<sup>st</sup> and served during the 120<sup>th</sup> the Assistant Majority Leader and in the 120<sup>th</sup> she also served as the Minority Leader, in the 121<sup>st</sup> as the Majority Leader again, and then served in the House between the 115<sup>th</sup> and 117<sup>th</sup> and then came back and served one more time between the 123<sup>rd</sup> and 126<sup>th</sup>. Sharon, welcome.

The Honorable Earle McCormick served in the Senate from the 123<sup>rd</sup> through the 125<sup>th</sup> and then again in the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature. He served in the House between the 121<sup>st</sup> and the 122<sup>nd</sup>. Earle, welcome.

The Honorable John Tuttle Jr. served in the Senate during the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature and he served in the House between the 122<sup>nd</sup> and the 125<sup>th</sup> and probably more than that. Welcome, John.

The Honorable Philip E. Harriman has served in the Senate between the 116<sup>th</sup> and the 119<sup>th</sup> Legislature. He also served in the other Body between the 111<sup>th</sup> and 115<sup>th</sup>. Welcome, Phil.

The Honorable Christopher Hall served in the Senate during the 121<sup>st</sup> Legislature and served in the House during the 120<sup>th</sup>. Would the Honorable Christopher Hall please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

The Honorable Linda Curtis Brawn served in the Senate between the 113<sup>th</sup> and the 115<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Would Linda please accept the greetings of the Senate.

I also want to recognize the Honorable John Eder. He served in the House during the 121<sup>st</sup> and the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislatures. Would he rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

I also want to recognize the Honorable Richard Rosen who has served here a long time and we want to welcome you back, Richard.

That's the end of the list of folks that we actually know are in the Chamber, but that is not an exhausted list. I am sure that there are other members here. If you served in the Maine Senate, and you are here today and we haven't recognized you, would you please rise so we can recognize you. They are so anxious to recognize you that we don't even know who you are yet. At least I don't. Could you just tell us who you are and when you served please? Senator Ron Usher. We also have three former Senate staffers that have joined us there today. Peggy Schaefer, Diane Johanson, and Megan Russo. Would they all stand and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Is there anybody else that served that we haven't recognized at this point? If you served in the State Senate - we certainly want to recognize the former Majority Leader Phil Curtis. Phil, welcome. Is there anybody else that served? Could you introduce yourself, please? For those that didn't hear that, the ladies name is Muriel Holloway. She was obviously very popular here.

That concludes our portion of the calendar recognizing former members during Welcome Back Day. Certainly, I want to encourage anybody that wishes to stay as we run the calendar, to make sure that everybody knows they are welcome to stay. The House, I believe, is also going through their recognition of former members. If you were a member there you may want to go down and be part of that. I certainly appreciate very much everybody taking time to come and, I truly believe this, it's important, particularly as we get to the heavy lifting of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature, to remember that our relationships and our friendships do matter and this is a great reminder for all the current members. Thanks for coming today.

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#### Off Record Remarks

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 558

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.

**READ and PASSED.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 341 L.D. 1034

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-34)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-35)** (5 members)

In Senate, April 27, 2017, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-35)**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-34)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-34)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senator **COLLINS** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-35)** Report.

Same Senator moved to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-35)** Report.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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Senator **COLLINS** of York requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-35)** Report and **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Remove Barriers to Workforce Development in Alcohol and Drug Counseling and To Increase the MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Certain Counselors"

H.P. 955 L.D. 1376

In Senate, April 27, 2017, on motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Create a Permanent Wabanaki Law Enforcement Seat on the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees" H.P. 524 L.D. 744

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (9 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-64)** (4 members)

In Senate, April 27, 2017, on motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-64)**.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, the Senate **INSISTED**.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Veterans from Hunter Safety Courses" H.P. 38 L.D. 52

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-53)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

In Senate, April 27, 2017, on motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-53)**.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Senate **INSISTED**.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the State's Rail Authority"

S.P. 241 L.D. 724

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-42)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

In Senate, April 27, 2017, on motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-42)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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**House Paper**

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Tax Increment Financing"

H.P. 1078 L.D. 1565

Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 365

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau  
President of the Senate  
128th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau:

I am notifying you that, pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, I have forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the following nomination made to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by the Washington County Commissioners on April 13, 2017:

Elizabeth Fitzgerald of Machiasport

The County asks that this nomination be considered to fill the four-year term that begins on July 9, 2017 which is scheduled to be filled by Washington County.

Pursuant to 12 MRSA 683-A, this appointment is subject to confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the committee having jurisdiction over conservation matters.

Sincerely,

S/Grant T. Pennoyer  
Executive Director

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 364

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

March 28, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, Senate President  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
128th Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 873 An Act To Adopt Tiny House Standards in the  
Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code



Sincerely,

S/Sen. Amy F. Volk  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ryan M. Fecteau  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 370

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

May 3, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
128th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 353  | An Act To Reduce Absenteeism in Students from Kindergarten to Third Grade  |
| L.D. 573  | Resolve, To Audit Standardized Testing in Maine's Schools  |
| L.D. 826  | An Act To Prioritize the Renovation of Existing Underutilized Schools in Conjunction with the Closing of Nearby Schools Due to Declining Enrollment                  |
| L.D. 863  | An Act To Create a Standard Kindergarten Entry Assessment  |
| L.D. 1156 | An Act To Address Administrative Shortages in Maine Schools by Amending the Law Regarding the Salaries of Retired Public School Administrators Who Return to Service |
| L.D. 1160 | Resolve, To Require a Study of Wages and Working Conditions for Child Development Educators and Staff  |
| L.D. 1288 | An Act To Promote Computer Science and Efficient Communication between Schools and the Department of Education   |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brian D. Langley  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tori P. Kornfield  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 371

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

May 3, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
128th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 232  | An Act To Establish an Exemption to the 30-day Supply Limitation on Certain Pain Medication                                       |
| L.D. 335  | An Act To Expand Child Care Options for Children Placed with Older Kinship Guardians  |
| L.D. 478  | Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Implement the Department's Study of Ambulance Services         |
| L.D. 652  | An Act To Provide Drug Price Relief   |
| L.D. 655  | An Act To Lower the Price MaineCare Pays for Prescription Drugs   |
| L.D. 1110 | An Act Concerning Medicaid for Incarcerated Persons about To Be Released  |
| L.D. 1111 | Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Causes of and Solutions to the Epidemic of Childhood Obesity in Maine (EMERGENCY) |
| L.D. 1325 | An Act Regarding Opioids and Palliative Care  |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Eric L. Brakey  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patricia Hymanson  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 366

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

May 1, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
128th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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|----------|--|
| L.D. 484 | An Act To Allow Ice Fishing in Seboomook Lake Township on Baker Lake and on Third, Fourth and Fifth St. John Ponds |
| L.D. 728 | An Act Regarding Management and Stocking of Inland Fisheries   |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cyrway  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Robert S. Duchesne  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 367

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

May 2, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
128th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 913  | An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Insurance Rates for Small Businesses                     |
| L.D. 962  | An Act Regarding Unemployment Compensation for Workers Involved in Certain Seasonal Occupations |
| L.D. 1036 | Resolve, To Study Repeal of Occupational Licensing Requirements for Certain Occupations         |
| L.D. 1464 | An Act Regarding Unemployment Compensation for Full-time Seasonal Workers                       |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Amy F. Volk  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ryan M. Fecteau  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 368

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

May 1, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
128th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 494 An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation

L.D. 989 An Act Regarding Towed Vehicle Charges and Notice to the Secretary of State of Towed and Abandoned Vehicles

L.D. 1250 An Act To Ensure That Handicapped Parking Is Properly Enforced

L.D. 1252 An Act To Permit the Operation of Certain All-terrain Vehicles on Public Ways

L.D. 1351 An Act Regarding the Length of Time a Temporary Sign May Be Placed in a Public Way

L.D. 1394 An Act Regarding Certain License Plates for Veterans and Providing for a Breast Cancer Support Services Disability Plate

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ronald F. Collins  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew J. McLean  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 372

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

May 3, 2017

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
128th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 122 An Act To Allow Schools To Operate Nonprofit Bingo Events for Children and Families

L.D. 714 An Act To Create an Award Program for Maine's Veteran-friendly Workplaces

L.D. 975 An Act Regarding Licensing of Cribbage Tournaments

L.D. 1256 Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Implement Ranked-choice Voting

L.D. 1357 An Act To Authorize Multiparty Candidate Nominations for State Offices

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Garrett P. Mason  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Louis J. Luchini  
House Chair

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: H.C. 148

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

May 2, 2017

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest  
Secretary of the Senate  
128th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

The House voted today to insist on its former action whereby it accepted the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act To Use State Employees and Resources for Transportation Bond Projects" (S.P. 316) (L.D. 960) and Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-36).

The House voted today to insist on its former action whereby it accepted the Majority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act To Allow the Formation of Transportation Corridor Districts" (S.P. 161) (L.D. 500) and Passage to be Engrossed.

The House voted today to insist on its former action whereby it accepted Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development on Bill "An Act To Require Certification under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule" (S.P. 143) (L.D. 441) and Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-38).

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: H.C. 143

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 21 "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Execution of Temporary Powers of Attorney."

This bill amends a law passed by the 127th Legislature that provided a program by which parents could execute a temporary power of attorney to someone who would serve as a guardian for the parents' children in times of short-term emergency. The intention of the law, as I understand it, was rather than have their children forced into foster care, parents should have the ability to designate those who would agree to care for the children in the event of emergency.

However, this law provides what I consider to be very crucial protections for the children who are now subject to their parents' temporary power of attorney. For instance, the law generally provides that those who may be called to care for children must first be subject to a background check. Perhaps more importantly, members of the person's household must be subject to background checks.

This bill seeks to weaken the requirement that background checks be conducted. Specifically, it exempts hospitals from conducting background checks before placing children with those who are authorized to exercise a temporary power of attorney. Because this bill would put children at risk, I cannot support it.

For this reason, I return LD 21 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Execution of Temporary Powers of Attorney

H.P. 22 L.D. 21

Comes from the House with the **VETO OVERRIDDEN**, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of overriding the veto of the Governor. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#105)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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The Following Communication: H.C. 144

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 432 "An Act To Designate a Maine Community Litter Cleanup Day."

This bill establishes the first Saturday in May as Maine Community Litter Cleanup Day. It forces the Governor of the State to issue a proclamation marking such occasion. During my many years as Governor I have noticed that there are around 50 commemorative days on the Maine calendar many of which seek to force me to issue proclamations.

Frankly, I think this bill is unnecessary. I do not believe that Mainers need me to proclaim a special day for them to understand that it is good citizenship to not litter, and to clean up their communities. I think that generally Mainers already do a great job of keeping their communities litter-free. This is part of the reason why our state attracts so many visitors.

If I were in favor of proclaiming special days in an effort to remind Mainers of their civic responsibilities, which I surely am not, then I would think that a Maine Community Litter Day would be best sometime in the fall before the arrival of snow and its subsequent thaw. During the thaw, litter is known to be washed away. Because of this, I do not think that the bill is practical.

For these reasons, I return LD 432 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Designate a Maine Community Litter Cleanup Day  
H.P. 312 L.D. 432

Comes from the House with the **VETO OVERRIDDEN**, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of overriding the veto of the Governor. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#106)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, CYRWAY, DAVIS, MASON, WHITEMORE

30 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Resolve, To Require Greater Clearing of Vegetation along Portions of Route 161 in the Town of Allagash  
S.P. 552 L.D. 1574

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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The Chair **RULED** the motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis to **REFER** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY OUT OF ORDER**.

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his motion to **REFER** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Expand the Local Foods Economy by Promoting Local Foods Procurement"

S.P. 557 L.D. 1584

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, DUNPHY of Old Town, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, TEPLER of Topsham.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Transfer the Authority To Issue Nonconcealed Firearm Permits in Certain Cases from the Department of Public Safety to the Office of the Governor"

S.P. 559 L.D. 1585

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.  
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Enable Earlier Introduction of Career and Technical Education in Maine Schools"

S.P. 554 L.D. 1576

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, SAVIELLO of Franklin, WHITEMORE of Somerset, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: GINZLER of Bridgton, KORNFIELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, TURNER of Burlington.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Laws"

S.P. 555 L.D. 1582

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.  
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Update the Statutes Governing the Bureau of Labor Standards To Promote Clarity for Workers and Employers"

S.P. 553 L.D. 1575

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, LOCKMAN of Amherst, VACHON of Scarborough.  
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Electricians' Examining Board Licensing Laws"

S.P. 556 L.D. 1583

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.  
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Encourage Development in the Logging Industry by Requiring State and Local Government Agencies To Give Preference to Lumber and Solid Wood Products Harvested in the State"

S.P. 551 L.D. 1573

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and  
Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representative: HERBIG of  
Belfast.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the  
Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered  
printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for  
concurrence.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### House

#### Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on  
Bill "An Act To Repeal or Clean Up Outdated  
Telecommunications Statutes"

H.P. 534 L.D. 754

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by  
Committee Amendment "A" (H-95).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**  
and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-95).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-95) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in  
concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE  
DAY.**

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The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill  
"An Act To Authorize 3-day All-terrain Vehicle Registration  
Reciprocity with the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec"

H.P. 147 L.D. 191

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by  
Committee Amendment "A" (H-90).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**  
and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-90).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-90) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in  
concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE  
DAY.**

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The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill  
"An Act To Improve Moose Hunting" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 400 L.D. 558

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by  
Committee Amendment "A" (H-91).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**  
and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-91).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-91) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in  
concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE  
DAY.**

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The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill  
"An Act Regarding Political Action Committee Expenditures"  
H.P. 387 L.D. 543

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by  
Committee Amendment "A" (H-93).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**  
and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-93).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-93) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in  
concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE  
DAY.**

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Repeal Certain Requirements for Graduation from Secondary School"

H.P. 262 L.D. 356

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

LANGLEY of Hancock  
MAKER of Washington  
MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor  
DAUGHTRY of Brunswick  
FARNSWORTH of Portland  
FULLER of Lewiston  
McCREA of Fort Fairfield  
PIERCE of Falmouth

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-82)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

GINZLER of Bridgton  
SAMPSON of Alfred  
STEWART of Presque Isle  
TURNER of Burlington

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority for Cremation"  
H.P. 339 L.D. 476

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin  
HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York  
CHACE of Durham  
DENNO of Cumberland  
HAMANN of South Portland  
HEAD of Bethel  
MALABY of Hancock  
PARKER of South Berwick  
PERRY of Calais  
SANDERSON of Chelsea

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-84)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representative:

MADIGAN of Waterville

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Provide for Municipalities To Allow Grocery Stores up to 10,000 Square Feet To Open on Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas"

H.P. 351 L.D. 488

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

VOLK of Cumberland  
LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray  
LOCKMAN of Amherst  
MASTRACCIO of Sanford  
STETKIS of Canaan  
VACHON of Scarborough



The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:  
BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:  
FECTEAU of Biddeford  
BATES of Westbrook  
DUNPHY of Old Town  
HANDY of Lewiston  
SYLVESTER of Portland

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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#### Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Conditional Presumption of Compensability for Corrections Employees in Cases of Impairment from Hypertension or Heart Disease"

H.P. 557 L.D. 777

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:  
VOLK of Cumberland  
LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:  
AUSTIN of Gray  
LOCKMAN of Amherst  
MASTRACCIO of Sanford  
STETKIS of Canaan  
VACHON of Scarborough

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-81)**.

Signed:

Senator:  
BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:  
FECTEAU of Biddeford  
BATES of Westbrook  
DUNPHY of Old Town  
HANDY of Lewiston  
SYLVESTER of Portland

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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#### Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Preserve Funding for the Maine Clean Election Act by Removing Gubernatorial Candidates from Eligibility"

H.P. 233 L.D. 300

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:  
CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:  
LUCHINI of Ellsworth  
CASÁS of Rockport  
HICKMAN of Winthrop  
LONGSTAFF of Waterville  
MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth  
SCHNECK of Bangor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-83)**.

Signed:

Senators:  
MASON of Androscoggin  
COLLINS of York

Representatives:

DILLINGHAM of Oxford  
FARRIN of Norridgewock  
HANINGTON of Lincoln  
WHITE of Washburn

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**  
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT**  
the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-**  
**CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in  
Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to  
**ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report,  
in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**

Senator WHITEMORE for the Committee on **INSURANCE AND**  
**FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Public  
Nature of Annual Statements of Life Settlement Providers"  
S.P. 473 L.D. 1386

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE**  
**DAY**.

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

Senator HAMPER for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS**  
**AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Create More  
Transparency in the Setting of Normal Teacher Retirement Costs"  
S.P. 347 L.D. 1045

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by**  
**Committee Amendment "A" (S-59)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-59) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE**  
**DAY**.

Senator VOLK for the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE,**  
**RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act  
Regarding the Chain of Custody in Crematories"  
S.P. 223 L.D. 661

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by**  
**Committee Amendment "A" (S-60)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-60) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE**  
**DAY**.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND**  
**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding State  
Investments and the Dakota Access Pipeline"  
S.P. 320 L.D. 981

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

HAMPER of Oxford  
KATZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

FREY of Bangor  
JORGENSEN of Portland  
MARTIN of Eagle Lake  
SEAVEY of Kennebunkport  
SIROCKI of Scarborough  
TIMBERLAKE of Turner  
WINSOR of Norway

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject  
reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by**  
**Committee Amendment "A" (S-68)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BREEN of Cumberland

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook  
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor  
TEPLER of Topsham

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the  
Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Mattress Stewardship Program"

S.P. 115 L.D. 349

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-58)**.

Signed:

Senators:

SAVIELLO of Franklin  
GRATWICK of Penobscot  
VOLK of Cumberland

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick  
CAMPBELL of Orrington  
DUCHESNE of Hudson  
FAY of Raymond  
HARLOW of Portland  
MARTIN of Eagle Lake  
PIERCE of Dresden  
ZEIGLER of Montville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

KINNEY of Limington  
STROM of Pittsfield

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-58) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY**.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Promote Equity in Business Opportunity for Tobacco Specialty Stores"

S.P. 13 L.D. 34

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York  
CHACE of Durham  
HAMANN of South Portland  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
PARKER of South Berwick  
PERRY of Calais

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-63)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin  
HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

DENNO of Cumberland  
HEAD of Bethel  
MALABY of Hancock  
SANDERSON of Chelsea

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Maine Children's Growth Council"

S.P. 17 L.D. 38

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-64)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York  
DENNO of Cumberland  
HAMANN of South Portland  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
PARKER of South Berwick  
PERRY of Calais

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-65)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin  
HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

CHACE of Durham  
HEAD of Bethel  
MALABY of Hancock  
SANDERSON of Chelsea

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-65)** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-65)** Report.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prioritize Use of Available Resources in General Assistance Programs"  
S.P. 65 L.D. 219

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York  
DENNO of Cumberland  
HAMANN of South Portland  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
PARKER of South Berwick  
PERRY of Calais

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-62)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin  
HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

CHACE of Durham  
HEAD of Bethel  
MALABY of Hancock  
SANDERSON of Chelsea

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Align Time Limits in the Municipal General Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program"

S.P. 66 L.D. 220

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York  
DENNO of Cumberland  
HAMANN of South Portland  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
PARKER of South Berwick  
PERRY of Calais

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin  
HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

CHACE of Durham  
HEAD of Bethel  
MALABY of Hancock  
SANDERSON of Chelsea

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage of Certain Dental Services"

S.P. 302 L.D. 900

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

WHITEMORE of Somerset  
CARSON of Cumberland  
DOW of Lincoln

Representatives:

CRAIG of Brewer  
FOLEY of Wells  
MELARAGNO of Auburn  
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield  
SANBORN of Portland  
WALLACE of Dexter

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-56)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

LAWRENCE of South Berwick  
BROOKS of Lewiston  
COLLINGS of Portland  
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **WHITEMORE** of Somerset, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Public Entities from Contracting with and Investing in Companies That Boycott the State of Israel"

S.P. 282 L.D. 882

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair  
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland  
BRYANT of Windham  
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach  
MADIGAN of Rumford  
PICKETT of Dixfield  
SPEAR of South Thomaston

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-69)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis  
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

GRIGNON of Athens  
HARRINGTON of Sanford  
ORDWAY of Standish

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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**Divided Report**

Seven members of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Head Start"  
S.P. 76 L.D. 230

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-66)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York  
DENNO of Cumberland  
HAMANN of South Portland  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
PARKER of South Berwick  
PERRY of Calais

Three members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**B**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-67)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

CHACE of Durham  
HEAD of Bethel  
MALABY of Hancock

Three members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**C**" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin  
HAMPER of Oxford

Representative:

SANDERSON of Chelsea

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "**C**" **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** Report "**C**" **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**.

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**SECOND READERS**

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

**House As Amended**

Bill "An Act To Protect the Confidentiality of Local Government Employees' Private Information"

H.P. 104 L.D. 146  
(C "A" H-85)

Bill "An Act To Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State"

H.P. 417 L.D. 601  
(C "A" H-73)

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Opt Out of Federal Daylight Saving Time and To Ask the United States Secretary of Transportation To Place the State in the Atlantic Time Zone"

H.P. 159 L.D. 203  
(C "A" H-76)

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Senate**

Bill "An Act To Allow for Consistent Application of Credit for Driver's License Suspensions Imposed by the Court"

S.P. 232 L.D. 670

Bill "An Act To Allow for Accurate Credit for a License Suspension for Operating under the Influence"

S.P. 233 L.D. 671

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Senate As Amended**

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Discharge of a Firearm within 300 Feet of a State-owned Boat Launching Ramp"

S.P. 109 L.D. 343  
(C "A" S-52)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of Maine Companies To Manufacture and Market Bioplastics"

S.P. 218 L.D. 656  
(C "A" S-43)

Bill "An Act To Improve Transparency in the Electricity Supply Market"

S.P. 248 L.D. 803  
(C "A" S-49)

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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## ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

### Acts

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Sex Offender Registry  
S.P. 57 L.D. 138  
(C "A" S-37)

An Act To Increase Penalties for the Discharge of Sewage, Septic Fluids, Garbage, Sanitary Waste or Other Pollutants from Watercraft into Inland Waters

H.P. 263 L.D. 357  
(C "A" H-59)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Domestic Violence and Setting Preconviction Bail

S.P. 172 L.D. 511

An Act To Revoke the Hunting and Fishing Licenses of a Person Charged with Defacing Property Posting Signs

H.P. 399 L.D. 557  
(C "A" H-55)

An Act To Standardize the Law Concerning Property Transfers and To Protect Water Quality

H.P. 401 L.D. 559  
(C "A" H-60)

An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing Truck Camper Registration

S.P. 273 L.D. 827

An Act To Authorize the Construction of a Maine Turnpike Connector to Gorham

H.P. 633 L.D. 905  
(C "A" H-61)

An Act To Allow Stepparents To Sign the Application for a Driver's License for a Minor

S.P. 332 L.D. 1025

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/21/17) matter:

JOINT ORDER -recognizing the Greater Portland Transit District METRO, of Portland, which celebrated its 50th year of service in 2016, which was also the year of its highest ridership, with 1,810,825 rides. We extend to the Greater Portland Transit District METRO our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 129

Tabled - March 21, 2017, by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

**READ.**

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I just wanted to say a few words in congratulations of the Greater Portland Transit District METRO for the service they provided to the public for over 50 years. In 2016, their 50<sup>th</sup> year of service, they provided nearly two million rides to residents in the service area. Public transportation is a very important service that Maine does not have a lot of options for. METRO's work of providing safe and reliable transportation to the Greater Portland Area has benefited so many people, giving them transportation to work, school, medical appointments, shopping, and other places. I want to thank all of the people involved in providing this wonderful service. Thank you.

**PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize Bill Nickerson, Woody MacLean, and Michael LePage. They are bus drivers with the Greater Portland METRO. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the State Senate.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/2/2017) matter:

Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Disclose Information to the Personal Representative of the Estate of an Incapacitated or Dependent Adult Who Dies While under Public Guardianship or Public Conservatorship"  
S.P. 54 L.D. 135

Tabled - May 2, 2017, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, April 18, 2017, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in concurrence.)

(In Senate, Veto Communication S.C. 349 **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of overriding the veto of the Governor. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

#### **ROLL CALL (#107)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BRAKEY, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DION, DOW, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JACKSON, KATZ, KEIM, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MAKER, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VITELLI, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/2/2017) matter:

Bill "An Act To Require That Municipalities and Counties Recover the Cost of Opioid Antagonist Treatment from Repeat Recipients" H.P. 1074 L.D. 1558

Tabled - May 2, 2017, by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

#### **PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

##### **House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Amend and Add Consistency to the Maine Weights and Measures Law"

H.P. 1086 L.D. 1579

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Educational Standards for Maine Students" H.P. 1085 L.D. 1578

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Wildlife Laws" H.P. 1087 L.D. 1580

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Simplify Maine Income Tax by Repealing or Terminating Certain Tax Credits and the Charitable Contribution Checkoff"

H.P. 1088 L.D. 1581

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.



On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"  
H.P. 1084 L.D. 1577

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.